

56 years later, his body has yet to be recovered.

Private James William Brown posthumously received the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for his service and bravery.

This Memorial Day in Maud, Texas, the town where he enlisted and one in which I proudly represent in the United States Congress, there will be a memorial stone dedicated to the honor and sacrifice of Marine Private James William Brown. This event is sponsored by SPC Israel Garza of the American Legion, Post 161 and will be highly attended, as so deserved. I pray that the memory of this patriot will live on in all those who attend this memorial.

Madam Speaker, I have shared with the House today only a small portion of this great American's life. I have requested a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Private James William Brown's patriotism and devotion to God, family, and country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the family of James for the loss of such an extraordinary man of service and duty. May God rest his soul.

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#### INTERNATIONAL LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 31, 2022*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the LGBTQIA+ community as we enter Pride month and reaffirm our commitment to LGBTQ rights for people all over the world. Everyone should have equal protection under the law regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We shall celebrate and commemorate our diversity and raise awareness over the issues that plague our communities, including the LGBTQIA+ communities.

The LGBTQIA+ community is filled with giants who have made immeasurable contributions to our country, including Marsha P. Johnson, who dedicated her life to helping homeless transgender youth and who led the

Stonewall uprising, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay official in California, and Audre Lorde, the writer who devoted her life to confronting the intersectionality of discrimination.

It is unconscionable that anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination continues to threaten the LGBTQ+ community. From workplace discrimination, lack of access to healthcare, homelessness, to high rates of violence, it is no secret that these issues are systemic.

LGBTQIA+ rights are critical to the future of this country. Our country is stronger and better off when everyone is protected under the law and has the equal opportunity. I reintroduced H. Res. 1128, the 2022 Resolution Calling to End Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia, and Intersexphobia, to uplift the LGBTQIA+ community. H. Res. 1128 is a call for full equality and acceptance for all LGBTQIA+ people in this country and around the world.

We must take immediate steps to address the disparities in access to healthcare and cultivate inclusive environments in all our communities. Make no mistake, we still have a long way to go to achieve true equality, but we have the power to take a step in the right direction. In a world where we can be anything, let's choose to be allies who love their neighbors, no matter who they love.

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to join me in uplifting LGBTQIA+ rights in all our communities. Our country and world win when people are free from discrimination and are given equal opportunity. We must protect this community and we must find the political will to do it.

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#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL JOSEPH M. MARTIN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 31, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize General Joseph M. Martin on the occasion of his retirement. We are honored to have him returning home to serve as the Grand Marshal for the City of Dearborn's ninety-sixth annual Memorial Day Parade. His honorable years of service to our community and to our entire country are worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan, General Martin is a graduate of Dearborn High

School. He went on to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and earned degrees at the University of Louisville, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. After graduation from West Point, he joined the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division. Following years of successful brigade command domestically and during deployments through Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he became the Chief of Staff of III Corps at Fort Hood. Some of his other assignments include Observer/Controller at Fort Irwin, Aide to the Commanding General at the U.S. Armor Center at Fort Knox, Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer and Aide to the III Corps Commanding General at Fort Hood, Armor Branch and Fires and Effects Division Chief at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, and Initiatives Group Director for the Commander of U.S. Forces Iraq and U.S. Joint Forces Command. General Martin was appointed to serve as Vice Chief of the Chief of Staff of the Army on July 26, 2019.

Having served in the Army for thirty-six years, General Martin is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations for remarkable service, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal. Even though he is the third-highest ranking officer in the U.S. Army and is highly decorated, he serves this Nation with the pride and humility of a true patriot. In his role as Vice Chief of the Chief of Staff of the Army, he is always searching for new ways to support our men and women in uniform, including focusing on mental health efforts to save soldiers at risk of death by suicide. He resides in the Washington, DC area with his wife Leann and their two children, Joey and Kylie.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring General Joseph M. Martin for a career of exemplary service to our Nation in the U.S. Army. I join with General Martin's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him from a grateful Nation and thank him for all he has done for our armed forces. We also thank him for serving as Grand Marshal this Memorial Day as we come together to honor those who gave their all for this country. We wish him the best in retirement.